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REPORT
OF THE
GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME
FOR CHILDREN.



JANUARY 1, 1906.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN

(46 WORCESTER STREET, BOSTON)

FOR THE YEAR 1905

BOSTON
THOMAS GROOM & CO.
105 STATE STREET
1906

This Institution was first started as a Home in January, 1847, on Albany Street, was incorporated as the Temporary Home for the Destitute by an Act of Incorporation passed February 27, 1852, and moved to Kneeland Street in 1853.

In the Act of Incorporation it was stated to be "for the purpose of affording shelter and support to children and other persons destitute of a home, until more permanent provision can be made for them."

By an additional act passed May 16, 1865, "The Board of Managers of the Temporary Home for the Destitute shall have authority to receive into their house such children as they may deem suitable objects of charity, and also to accept a surrender in writing by the father, and when there is no father, by the mother, and when there is no father or mother, by the guardian of any child or children, to the care and direction of said corporation ; and to bind out in virtuous families, until the age of twenty-one years, any boy or boys thus surrendered, and, until the age of eighteen years, any female child or children thus surrendered." Under this Act infants were first taken December 25, 1871.

In 1871 the Home was moved to Pine Street Place, and again in 1884 to 46-48 Worcester Street, its present location.

By an Act passed March 9, 1888, the name of the Institution was changed to

"THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN."

OFFICERS FOR 1906.

President.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS,
160 STATE STREET.

Vice-President.

WILLIAM FAXON, JR.

Treasurer.

ALEXANDER F. WADSWORTH,
50 STATE STREET.

Counsellors.

MISS M. C. STEVENSON, MISS A. C. AYRES.

Clerk.

EZRA H. BAKER.

Managers.

JAN.	JOHN D. WILLIAMS.	MISS C. P. NOYES.
FEB.	ALEX. F. WADSWORTH.	MRS. ALEX. F. WADSWORTH.
MAR.	CLEMENT S. HOUGHTON.	MRS. G. S. CURTIS.
APR.	ROBERT S. STURGIS.	MISS MIRIAM P. HAMLEN.
MAY.	DR. FRED'K TAYLOR LORD.	MRS. ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN.
JUNE.	GEORGE C. CHANEY.	MRS. G. W. WHEELWRIGHT.
JULY.	WILLIAM FAXON, JR.	MRS. WILLIAM FAXON, JR.
AUG.	EZRA H. BAKER.	MRS. CHAS. HOPKINSON.
SEPT.	ARTHUR H. DAKIN.	MRS. W. W. BLACKMAR.
OCT.	NATHANIEL N. THAYER.	MISS ELIZABETH B. BROWN.
NOV.	ARTHUR W. MOORS.	MRS. NATHANIEL N. THAYER.
DEC.	DR. J. PAYSON CLARK.	MRS. GEORGE B. DEWSON.

Assistant Managers.

MISS ELEANOR G. MAY.	MISS ELIZABETH R. TYSON.
GEORGE B. DEWSON.	MISS LOUISE FITZ.
MISS MARY O. CLARK.	

Matron.

MISS FLORENCE C. PEARSON.

COMMITTEES FOR 1906.

School.

MRS. BLACKMAR.

MRS. FAXON.

MRS. WADSWORTH.

Repairs and Furnishing.

MISS BROWN.

MRS. FAIRBAIRN.

MR. THAYER.

Supplies.

MR. WADSWORTH.

MR. WILLIAMS.

Finance.

MR. WILLIAMS.

MR. WADSWORTH.

MR. BAKER.

Printing Annual Report.

MR. WILLIAMS.

MR. FAXON.

MR. BAKER.

Distributing Annual Report.

MRS. DEWSON.

MISS MAY.

Hygiene and Food.

DR. CLARK.

MRS. CURTIS

MR. FAXON.

REPORT FOR 1905.

The past year has been for the Gwynne Temporary Home for Children one of the most useful the Managers have had the pleasure of reporting.

The number of children in the Home during the year has been 289 — a number more nearly representing our accommodations than for some years. The health of the children has been generally excellent, and we are thankful to report that there have been no deaths.

The Treasurer's report will show the resources of the Home, its income and expenses, and a comparison with the reports of former years will show the repeated and continued support given by our friends; but such a comparison will tell also the story of the absence of many of our former friends who have left us and whose memory we revere. To these generous friends we can no longer appeal, and we must look to others to fill their places, not merely as givers of money, of clothing, and of such material comforts, but for earnest, sincere, personal interest and devotion, without which the generosity of the public, never appealed to in vain, will fail of accomplishing the real good intended.

We welcome and invite all interested in our work to visit our Home and to join with us in making the Gwynne

Home, after fifty-nine years of existence, a continued power of good to the community. Since its beginning thousands of children have been helped, and we hope the future will show an ever increasing number aided.

To help families in trouble, to give them assistance by caring for the children while the parent or parents (as is so often the case) are recovering their strength and courage, to prevent the dispersion of families, to encourage and stimulate the family union and responsibility, to find permanent homes for children surrendered to us, are some of our aims.

The various departments of our work have been carried on as in years past. The younger children have been boarded in families, others have been kept in the Home itself and given some instruction in the schoolroom, and all, we hope, have been helped by their stay with us. Seven children have been adopted from the Home, a number larger than for some years.

It is hoped that each succeeding year will show our resources taxed to their utmost capacity.

To carry on our work we need both money and clothing, old and new, supplies of all kinds, but, above all, the kind, thoughtful, personal help and interest of our friends.

To the matron, the visiting physician, and all employees of the Home, we give our most grateful thanks for their devotion and fidelity, and again we are glad to thank Rev. D. W. Waldron, the Trustees of the Barnard

Memorial Chapel, and the Boston Elevated Railway Company for their many and repeated kindnesses to our children.

Children in the Home Dec. 27, 1904	37	
Received during 1904-5	252	
	<hr/>	289
Placed in other institutions	31	
Placed for adoption	7	
Returned to parents and friends	221	
Placed in families	1	
	<hr/>	260
Remaining in the Home Dec. 26, 1905	29	
	<hr/>	289

BOSTON, Dec. 26, 1905.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

All signers of the Constitution and By-Laws who shall have contributed for two successive years to the funds of the Corporation shall be members; and membership shall cease on failure for one year so to contribute.

ARTICLE II.

ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICERS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Monday of December (or if that is a holiday, on the Tuesday following), at such hour and place as the President and Clerk shall appoint. Notice shall be given in a daily paper published in Boston seven days at least before the meeting. A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Clerk, Treasurer, twenty-four Managers, and not less than five Assistant Managers, shall be chosen by ballot at this meeting to serve for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The Board of Managers, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, may fill any vacancies in any of the offices of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Managers shall be one half gentlemen and one half ladies, and shall, with the Assistant Managers and other

officers (named in Article II), constitute a Board of Control, which shall have entire charge of the affairs of the Corporation, including power to authorize a committee of three of the members of the Board to make contracts, and to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of its property, real and personal. The Board shall fix the times and places for its meetings, and, unless otherwise determined by said Board, shall meet once a month, on the last Monday of every month, or if this should be a holiday, then on the following Tuesday. The Board of Control shall appoint two Managers, a gentleman and a lady, a committee for each month; shall appoint a school committee, a committee on repairs, a committee on supplies, and a committee on finance, who shall also act as an auditing committee; and shall have power to fill all vacancies. Any person who shall have served for ten consecutive years on the Board shall be eligible, on resignation, to the office of Counselor, with a vote in the Board when present. The Assistant Managers may act on committees for the month, or otherwise assist the work of the Home.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES OF THE MONTH.

During the month which shall begin immediately after the monthly meeting, the committee of the month shall have charge of the Home, including, in consultation with the Matron, the admission, discharge, and placing the inmates.

ARTICLE V.

MATRON, ASSISTANT MATRON, TEACHER, AND HOUSEKEEPER.

The Matron shall be chosen by the Board of Control; she shall have entire charge of the Home and its inmates, under the direction of the Board of Control, including

power to employ and dismiss servants. The Assistant Matron, Teacher, and Housekeeper, when such are employed, shall be appointed by the Board of Control, but may be dismissed by the committee of the month, with the approval of the President.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation or of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the President, to be notified by the Clerk, in the same manner as the Annual Meeting; and of the Board of Control, by notice to each member through the Post Office; and these meetings shall be called at any time, on the written application of not less than six members.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Corporation at which the purpose to amend the Constitution and By-Laws shall have been stated as one of the objects of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Clerk, and Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of their offices. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Annual Meeting

and whenever requested by the President or Committee of Finance; and shall act under the direction of the Committee of Finance in making or changing investments. All bills shall be approved by at least one member of the committee. The Treasurer may employ a Collector.

ARTICLE X.

ADOPTION.

In all cases where children are adopted from this institution, the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to give the consent of this institution to such adoption, and to sign, in the name of this institution, all papers necessary to perfect the adoption of such children.

Dr.

THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN in acct. with ALEX. F. WADSWORTH, Treas.

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1905.	To cash paid during the year for	
Dec. 26.	Provisions and groceries, \$2,142.25	
	Incidentals	642.61
	Clothes	403.43
	Wages	2,358.18
	Board	16.79
	Infant Department	833.36
	Water	38.00
	Gas	114.97
	Fuel	330.47
	Laundry	576.49
	Printing	59.00
	Repairs	224.71
	Ice	33.34
	Collections	3.00
	Telephone	72.51
	"Lowell-Thayer Fund" for Thanksgiving and New Year's dinners	20.00
	Investments in bonds and stocks	19,556.50
	Accrued interest paid on bonds	338.20
	Balance, cash on hand	5,041.53
		<u>\$32,805.34</u>
	Examined and found correct.	
	J. D. WILLIAMS,	
	One of the Auditing Committee.	
1904.	By balance from old account	\$7,239.61
Dec. 27.		
1905.		
Dec. 26.	By subscriptions and donations	\$652.40
	Income from investments	5,704.98
	Interest from deposits	256.50
	Income from S. V. Ashton Fund	1,500.00
	Income from Thomas A. Goddard Memorial Fund	800.60
	Telephone	1.85
		<u>8,915.73</u>
	By legacies:	
	Atherton T. Brown	\$1,000.00
	Miss Harriet W. Taber	500.00
		<u>1,500.00</u>
	By payment of Union Pacific Railway Co. notes	\$10,000.00
	Payment of mortgage	5,000.00
	Dividend on Tremont National Bank in liquidation	150.00
		<u>15,150.00</u>
		<u>\$32,805.34</u>
	E. & O. E.	
	ALEX. F. WADSWORTH, Treasurer.	
	Boston, December 26, 1905.	

L I F E M E M B E R S.

APPLETON, MRS. WILLIAM.
BAKER, E. H.
BARNES, MRS. CHARLES B.
*BOND, MRS. C. L.
*BRADLEE, REV. CALEB D.
BROWN, MRS. JAMES.
BROWN, MISS ALICE WOODWARD.
*BROWN, ATHERTON T.
BROWN, MRS. ATHERTON T.
BROWN, MISS ELIZABETH B.
CHAFFIN, MRS. W. L.
CHAFFIN, REV. W. L.
CHENEY, MRS. ARTHUR.
CRUFTS, MISS H. C.
CUSHING, MRS. BENJAMIN.
*DAVIS, MISS A. W.
*DRAPER, MISS A. A.
DUNCAN, MRS. GEORGE.
*FAULKNER, MRS. CHARLES.
FIELD, MRS. B. W.
*GILMORE, MRS. ADDISON.
GODDARD, MRS. WILLIAM.
GREW, MRS. HENRY S.
*HAYWARD, MRS. GEORGE P.
HOLLINGSWORTH, MRS. POLLY R.

*Deceased.

- HOLLINGSWORTH, MISS ROSE.
HOMER, MISS MARY R.
*HOMER, MRS. PETER T.
HOMER, MRS. J. T.
HOOPER, MRS. I. HARRIS.
*HOVEY, MISS MARIAN.
JOY, MISS CAROLINE A.
KENT, MRS. HELENA M.
*KIMBALL, MOSES.
*LAWRENCE, MRS. AMOS A.
LINCOLN, MISS MARY K.
MANN, MRS. S. H.
MARRS, MRS. W. D. KINGSMILL.
*MERRIAM, MRS. CHARLES.
MORTON, MISS SARAH B.
NORCROSS, GRENVILLE H.
*RICE, HENRY ALLEN.
*SHATTUCK, MRS. GEORGE C.
*STEADMAN, MRS. MARSHALL.
STETSON, MRS. JOSHUA.
STORER, MRS. R. B.
STORER, MRS. WILLIAM BRANDT.
*THAYER, MRS. C. L.
THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
*WETHERELL, MRS. JOHN G.
*WIGGLESWORTH, MISS ANNE.
*WILLIAMS, MISS ANN D.

*Deceased.

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS.

From January 1, 1905, to January 1, 1906.

Bartol, Miss E. H.	\$5 00	Hecht, Mrs. Jacob H.	\$5 00
Blackmar, W. W.	25 00	Howard, Albert, Sr.	10 00
Blackmar, Mrs. W. W.	25 00	Homans, Mrs. John	10 00
Bowditch, Miss Charlotte . . .	5 00	Hope Chapel	10 00
Brewer, Miss F. R.	10 00	Houghton, Clement S.	10 00
Brewer, Mrs. Thomas M.	5 00	Hubbard, Mrs. Eliot	5 00
Brown, Miss Alice W.	3 00	Hutchins, Mrs. Constantine F. .	5 00
Brown, Miss Elizabeth B. . . .	10 00	Jones, B. M.	5 00
Brown, T. Hassall	10 00	Kendall, Miss H. W.	10 00
Bullard, Mrs. William S.	5 00	Kidder, Mrs. Henry C.	10 00
Bullard, Stephen	10 00	Kimball, Miss H. H.	10 00
Callender, Mrs. Henry	5 00	Loring, Mrs. W. C.	10 00
Chapman, Miss Jane E. C. . . .	2 00	Mass. Charitable Fire Asso. .	50 00
Clark, Mrs. John T.	5 00	May, Miss Eleanor G.	5 00
Clement, Mrs. Mary A.	5 00	Merriam, Charles	5 00
Coolidge, Mrs. H. H.	5 00	Morgan, Mrs. J. P., Jr.	10 00
Coolidge, Mr. J. T.	25 00	Morse, Mrs. S. T.	10 00
Cotton, Miss Elizabeth A. . . .	5 00	Nickerson, Andrew	10 00
Covel, Mrs. A. S.	5 00	Old South Sunday School . .	10 50
Cummings, Mrs. C. A.	5 00	Osgood, Miss Emily L.	5 00
Cunningham, Mrs. J. H.	5 00	Parkman, Miss E. S. W.	5 00
Curtis, Mrs. Charles P.	10 00	Peabody, F. H.	25 00
Curtis, Mrs. Greeley S.	10 00	Peabody, Mrs. S. E.	10 00
Curtis, Miss Isabella P.	3 00	Pickering, Henry	25 00
Dane, Mrs. John H.	5 00	Pickman, Mrs. D. L.	25 00
Dean, Charles A.	5 00	Powers, Mrs. George C.	5 00
Faulkner, Miss F. M.	10 00		
Fields, Mrs. James T.	5 00		
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	10 00		

Ranney, Fletcher	\$5 00	Tuckerman, Mrs. C. S. . . .	\$5 00
Rogers, Mrs. William B. . . .	5 00	Unity Ch. S. S. of N. Easton .	29 60
Robinson, J. C.	10 00	Wadsworth, Mrs. A. F. . . .	10 00
Rhodes, S. H.	5 00	Warren, Miss Cornelia	5 00
Sears, Mrs. Geo. G.	10 00	Wheelwright, Geo. W. . . .	10 00
Sears, Mrs. P. H.	10 00	Wigglesworth, George	10 00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	5 00	Williams, Miss Adelia C. . . .	10 00
Storer, The Misses	10 00	Williams, John D	25 00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME FOR 1905.

Boston Sewing Circle. — Fifty-two garments.

The Misses Storer. — Packing boxes.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Second Church, Copley Square. — Sixty-seven garments.

Mr. B. F. Redfern, of the Henry H. Tuttle Co. — Box children's shoes.

Needlewoman's Friend Society. — Twenty sheets, three aprons, twelve pillow slips.

Through the courtesy of the Massachusetts Automobile Club. — Automobile ride and picnic.

Miss Case. — Dolls and trunk dolls' clothing.

Cambridge Sewing Club, through Miss J. F. Bumstead. — Thirty-eight garments.

The Hereford Club of Arlington Street Church. — Box roses.

Mrs. D. H. Martin, of Newark, N. J. — Two dollars for a treat for the children.

First Parish Benevolent Society, Dorchester. — Ninety garments.

A days' outing at Franklin Park, through Miss V. M. Goss.

King's Chapel Employment Society. — One hundred garments.

Boston Flower Mission. — Several donations flowers.

Mrs. M. L. Houston. — Three pairs mittens.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham. —
Twelve garments.

The Elevated Railway Co. — Two hundred and twenty
car tickets.

Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.
— Thirty-three garments.

Metropolitan Outing Association, through Miss Alice
Hall. — A day's outing at Franklin Park.

Mrs. Robert Lawrence. — A large rubber plant.

Mr. George P. Sanderson, of Groton, Vt. — Can syrup
and three barrels apples.

Sewing Circle, through Miss Lucy Parsons. — Eighteen
garments and fourteen towels.

Rev. D. W. Waldron. — Forty Easter cards.

Miss A. F. Tuttle. — Infants' nightgowns.

Grace Snow, Elizabeth McLean, Lottie Larnard, and
Emily Hills, of Sharon. — A day's outing for the older
children.

Jamaica Plain Branch of the Needlework Guild of
America. — Forty garments and two pairs hose.

Mrs. William Fottler. — Several donations flowers and
fruit.

Miss E. B. Brown. — Four framed pictures for the
schoolroom.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar. — Schoolroom supplies.

Mrs. George W. Wheelwright. — Cards for the school-
room.

CHRISTMAS.

Miss Lucy Talcott, of New Britain, Conn. — Five dollars and a scrap-book for nursery, in memory of her sister.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar. — Box Christmas gifts.

Dr. J. P. Clark. — Money for Christmas gifts.

The Misses Storer. — Box clothing, hoods, handkerchiefs, mittens, and toys.

Miss E. B. Brown. — Five dollars for Christmas gifts.

Mrs. George W. Wheelwright. — A turkey.

Mr. A. G. Pearson. — Candy canes.

Mrs. R. B. Fairbairn. — Box Christmas novelties and money for the children.

Mr. E. W. Stuber. — Large box candy.

Miss Josephine and Master Edward Johnson. — Two dollars for gifts.

Mr. F. W. Pearson. — Candy and Christmas-tree novelties.

Miss Bettie Boyd. — Box Christmas gifts.

Mr. T. F. Dunton. — Box confectionery.

Mrs. George H. Green. — Ten dollars for Christmas gifts.

Mr. James Hutchinson. — Five dollars for Christmas gifts.

